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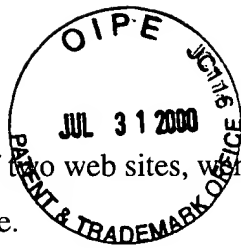
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the following two documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits and is therefore submitted as both timely and proper.

Applicant believes that the information in the two cited documents was publicly available before the filing date of the above-identified patent application. However, the two cited

documents, which are hard copies of two web sites, were printed after the filing date and are accordingly dated after the filing date.



It is respectfully requested that the information above be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and that the publication be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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Copies of the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are submitted herewith. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 with the next Patent Office communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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